

Your Bible

Say, Christian friend, did you ever think
That your Bible was written in blood red ink?
That men of courage in a bygone age
Paid with their lives for each precious page?

Your Bible, too, was stained by the hands
Of those who suppressed it in many lands—
Its use forbidden by kings who could see
That the truth would surely set men free.

We live in a time when ruthless men
May threaten to seize your Bible again;
New martyrs will rise in the coming strife
To give their all for the Word of life.

Your Bible may need a brave defence,
But its greatest foe is our negligence—
Its mightiest threat, the so-called friend
Who will not read what God's heroes penned.
—Victor Kane.

Glad Tidings

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Bible on Records

A complete recording of the Old and New Testaments of the King James version of the Holy Bible on 169 long-playing phonograph records has been completed by the American Foundation for the blind. Accomplished with the financial assistance of the Library of Congress, the American Bible Society and the New York Bible Society, the "talking" Bible will be available to sightless people through 27 regional libraries operating departments for the blind. The volumes will be loaned to hearers without cost or postal charges.

The recordings are played on special low-speed machines, the type used for other talking books for the blind. These machines are loaned free of charge by the Library of Congress through its regional libraries. Information regarding the branch libraries and the Bible recordings may be obtained by writing the Division for Books for Adult Blind, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. —*Pathfinder*.

U.S. Fliers Converted in South Pacific

Seven United States Navy fliers were converted by South Sea Islanders, formerly heathen, on a South Pacific Island. The narrative is a thrilling record, showing how God is using strange and wonderful ways to reach men for Christ.

These fliers had been shot down in combat with the Japanese. Three of them reached an island after two and one-half days at sea. Others also found refuge on the island, and their presence became known to the two hundred natives, but not to the Japanese patrols. For 87 days they lived on the island, fed by the natives, whose first act was to give them a Bible. Every night the natives gathered about the fliers who took turns reading the Bible. This, with their experience, led them to Christ. Later the fliers put out on rafts, and were picked up by Navy planes.

Superstition For Sale

Nothing that can be told about inside Washington amazes people more than the facts regarding the flourishing of cults and sects of superstition "under the Capitol Dome."

Ray Tucker, one of Washington's best-known and most widely syndicated columnists, recently dealt with this subject in these paragraphs:

The most popular and profitable businesses in the capital today, are those carried on by fortune-tellers, palmists, astrologists, tea-leaf diviners, and psychiatrists. Washington has gone "nuts" about foreseeing its personal and collective future.

Diplomats from foreign principalities first introduced the idea. They never threw a party without hiring a voodoo artist and ensconcing her in an upstairs room where she psychoanalyzed the guests. Her fee was around \$20, plus a bottle of good wine.

The fad has spread since Washington became the center of domestic and overseas leaders. They consult these star-gazers regularly. Some of our topnotch officials frame their policies in accordance with the sooth-sayings of these oracles.

Hitler, too, frames his policies in accordance with the "brain trust" of astrologers and clairvoyants who have long had a dominant voice in Nazi affairs. The following of such counsel leads a nation into sin, degradation, destruction, and ultimate death. America grew great as her people and leadership followed the course laid out in the Bible. Our greatest need now is to return to that path.

Testimonials Against the Movies

Hendrik Von Loon, who surely cannot be charged with Puritanic tendencies, writes: "The moving picture producers are a group of money chasers who are turning an entire race of youngsters into hysterical little psychopaths, whose ears and eyes must forever be glued to something that can only be described by a single word, 'ignoble.'"

Welford Beaton, editor of the *Hollywood Spectator*, says: "The screen is a menace to the growing population. It

aims its products at those whose low tastes make them pervious to the vulgarity of pornography, passion masquerading as love, discussions of the double standard, and other unlovely aspects of modern civilization. The producers of motion pictures purvey filth for the sole purpose of reaping profits. They have delved into the garbage cans of our social structure and extracted from them, as story materials, everything that stinks."

Just In Comparison

One modern battleship costs as much to build as the maintenance expense of all the missionaries throughout the world for a period of one year, according to Dr. Glenn Randall Philips, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Hollywood, Calif.

8 Million Methodists

Growth of Methodists, expanding since the amalgamation of various groups under the new order of 1940, is revealed by Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the statistical office of the Methodist Church and editor of the *General Minutes*. The coveted goal of 8 million Methodists in America is close at hand.

Records show the lay and ministerial
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Fuel for the Fire

By EARLE V. JENNISON

When I came back into my study this late forenoon the air had gotten chilly again. I stooped at the fireplace and raked together a few dying embers that were scattered around the edge of the spot where the fire had been. As no kindling material was right at hand I bunched those few live but nearly expired coals and laid two or three sticks upon them. This was not enough. Another thing was necessary. I stooped low and blew my breath directly upon the place where the remaining signs of "life" were now in close contact. Presently a tongue of flame sprang up and caught the added wood above. And in just a little while a cheery blaze warmed the atmosphere of the room. Then it was that



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Some Practical Lessons

came to me, as I believe, by the voice of the Holy Spirit. All about us and—let us be honest with ourselves—among us, too, are evidences of a chilling atmosphere and of dying embers. The one thing needed is warmth. No, we shall be more specific; it is *fire* that is so urgently needed. The growing cry, the prayer of many here and there among God's people is for "revival." This is a confession of both our great need and our lack.

Three steps were necessary in order to start that little fire in the room. First, the scattered embers must be brought close together so that spark touches spark, and then there must be added material ready and in place to receive the flame, and finally to blow upon what would otherwise have become only dead ashes shortly. The illustration and the application as well are simple.

The "Breath" of God

is none other than the Holy Spirit in the aspect of His moving upon needy human lives. It is absolutely imperative that He blow upon our fading embers, else they would surely become nought but lifeless ashes. But though He is "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy," as He tells us in Isaiah 57 verse 15, yet He declares that He dwells "with him *also* that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Praise God for that word "*also*." If God should not deign to stoop low to look upon our need and blow His "breath" upon us, how dire would our case be and how utterly bereft would this cold world be of any warmth of love and faith that might lead them to Christ.

Yet the "fire" we speak of here is not the little flame from an individual coal. Is God inclined to "waste His breath" on an isolated coal? God is especially interested in the blaze created by his breathing upon

The United Embers

Every Spirit-endued believer is a live ember, but few are producing a fervent, glowing flame. It is the fusing of the one common essential element that makes possible really lasting revival fire. Brother Pine and Brother Oak or Sister Maple and Sister Spruce may differ one from the other in the "natural," but the "fire" element—that which is of the Spirit—is everywhere the same in essence. And the Lord will see to it that the flame that is to become a mighty blaze in this world shall spring forth from a truly united faith and love. There are results which have come from individual faith, but there are greatly accelerated results that spring from a fused faith. Was it not the oneness in love and faith in the early church that made possible the signs and miracles by the Holy Ghost and thus arrested the multitudes of the sinful world of that day?

Then again, how important that there should be on hand and ready for immediate contact with the new flame from the united particles that

Additional Fuel for the Fire,

new material! Here was another secret of the blazing flame of that first century church. They were possessed with a passionate objective of adding fuel to the fire—new converts, inflammable material, fresh candidates for the holy fire of the Spirit. It may cost us something, or should we say, everything, to gather this "material." It is said of that day, that "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." But two things are certain: that the Lord adds only those who are won to Christ by the everyday witness of the daily life and word of the Spirit-led Christian, and that it is our Lord's glorious purpose to gather this material from every nation and every community in this prodigal world.

Brethren, let us fervently pray and labor to get the real living "embers" gathered into close, vital, working contact, and to add an abundant supply of new but truly inflammable material directly to the glowing fire that our united love and faith has kindled through the ministry of the blessed Holy Spirit in our own hearts. Should saints throughout this whole cold world embrace such an objective, who can say but what the warmth generated by such a revival fire might be a worthy prelude to our Lord's soon appearing.

O Grace of God

By CARRIE JUDD MONTGOMERY

O grace of God, that reacheth even me,
That breaks the fowler's snare and set-
teth free

My soul—a captive bird—so it may flee
From Satan's hands, and wing its way to
Thee;

O grace of God; I fly to Calvary.

Because He bore my curse upon the tree,
My Saviour opened wide a crimson sea;
Lost and undone, I have no other plea,
It is alone through mercy I may be
Made pure enough Thy blessed face to
see.

"The thought we habitually dwell upon will eventually burst forth into action."

To Know Him

Pastor RUBEN A. WILSON, Alameda, California

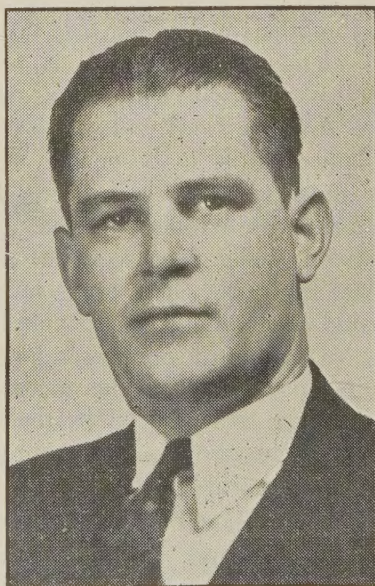
"What man knoweth the things of a man, save the Spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."—1 Cor. 2:11.

We have in this world different kinds of life. We have plant life, which is a life of its own. There is a life there that is different from animal life. The blade of grass doesn't understand any other kind of life. Because it is of a different realm, it cannot understand the things of the animal world, and so the animal world is different from the world of man. I do not care how much the evolutionists try to tell us we came from a common stock, there is a difference. All the scientists in all their search have never been able to bridge it. They can call it the "missing link," but they have never been able to find it, and they never will, because there is a difference between the animal world and the world of man. One animal perhaps understands another animal, especially one of its own kind, but it doesn't understand man. Who can *"understand the things of man save the spirit of man that is in Him"*? Man has a spirit that no other living creation has. Man was made in the image of God. Man is different from any other life round about Him. God made everything and man was his crowning creation.

Jesus, to become the Saviour of men, came down into this world and took upon Himself the form of man. We read in the second chapter of Hebrews that Jesus took not on Himself the seed of angels, but the seed of Abraham. As an angel, Jesus could never understand us. He became the high priest so that He could help us. When Jesus came down into this world, taking upon Himself the form of man, He lived as a man, and because of that He understands our problems. He understands our temptations. He understands our trials and prejudices. I have a Saviour, who is the Son of God and yet the Son of man.

Here, then, is the theme that I want to dwell upon. "No man can know the things of God save by the Spirit of

God." It is only the revelation of the Spirit of God in our hearts and in our lives that can make us the kind of people that God wants us to be. It is more than a form, it is more than a creed. It is the reality of Christ by the Spirit of God. Somebody comes along and tells us we have all got the Spirit of God, we are all God's children, but that theory is not borne out in the Bible. The Bible teaches us that God made man in His own image. There was a spiritual communion that God had with man, but when man disobeyed God and fell into sin that spiritual life was killed. It wasn't only physical death, but also spiritual death. Man went on in his own fleshly way without that fellowship and communion with God, and that is why Jesus said in the third chapter of John, "Ye must be born again." What did Jesus mean? He explained it to Nicodemus. Nicodemus said, "How can a man be born again?" The thing that Nicodemus thought about was the natural fleshly birth and he couldn't understand how a man could be born again after he was grown. But Jesus said that He was not talking about fleshly birth. He was talking about the spiritual birth that everyone must have before he can really understand and appreciate the things of God.



R. A. Wilson

In the spiritual birth we are born of the Spirit. When that comes into the life of a man, he will come to God with a full and free sense of repentance before God and ask God to forgive him his sins, and fully accept the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to cover them. There is a work that is done by the Spirit of God, and there is born into that man something that wasn't there before. You may not be able to explain just what it is. Jesus didn't try to explain it.

There is a work of God in the heart and in the life of a man or woman that transforms and changes him or her and that thing is being born of the Spirit of God. The Scripture says, *"Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father."* His Spirit becomes a witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Now, *"What man knoweth the things of man, save the spirit of man which is in him?"* Even so the things of God, save the Spirit of God which is in him? When a man is born of the Spirit there comes a revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. You remember when Jesus talked to Peter, he said, *"Whom do men say that I am?"* *"Some say you are Elijah, some, John the Baptist."* *"Who do you say that I am?"* *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."* The Spirit of God revealed that to him. The Spirit of God brought that to your heart. You may believe in an historical Christ, you may believe that Jesus died on the cross, but before you will ever appreciate what that cross meant, there must be the Spirit of God in your heart. And so the things of God begin to open up for the man or woman that is born again, not only at the new birth, but I believe the Bible teaches us we are to go on with God to get the baptism of the Holy Ghost. John the Baptist said, *"I baptize you with water, but He who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Ghost."* We find in the Book of Acts that, after Jesus had gone back

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The City of Ages to Come

(Compiled by J. W. Belchar)

It is during the period of the new heaven and new earth that the Holy City of the New Jerusalem descends from God, shedding forth such a flood of light and glory that they shall have no need of sun, neither of the moon," or the "nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it." Rev. 21:3-24.

For many days we have wondered about the dimensions of the New Jerusalem, its location, and its glorious beauty as is described in the book of Revelation. John saw it descending from God out of heaven after he had gotten the revelation through the Spirit (see Rev. 1:1; John 4:24) that Jesus was the Almighty God, the Lord which is, which was, and which is to come. And he plainly tells us "I was in the Spirit." Hence without the Spirit we can never understand the things that are now being revealed. It is the Spirit that searches the deep things of God. (I Cor. 2:9-10).

There are two things necessary to make a city; the people and their houses, or places of abode. The greatness of a city is determined by its inhabitants. The wisdom and intelligence of the people are displayed upon the magnificence of its buildings. Thus it is with the city of God. Its inhabitants, the Bride of Christ, are filled with wisdom and beauty. And that beauteous grace that is within her (Ps. 45:13) shall be portrayed upon the wall of the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is the Bride, the Lamb's wife, dwelling in her eternal city. Her light is like unto a STONE most precious. That precious stone is Christ (I Peter 2:4, 6, 7), His life was the "light of men" (John 1:4). No mortal mind can comprehend, nor describe in human language the splendor of that city that is now hid away in God. The jasper stone, clear as crystal, the sapphire, the chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, topaz, beryl, and all the precious stones, in their most glorious description are but faint comparisons when taken in relation to the glory of the city that is to come. Wonderful things are spoken of thee, O city of God! The wall of the city is of jasper; the city, itself, is pure gold!

We are told that the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the

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If you can hear God's call, when those about you
Are urging other calls and claims on you;
If you can trust your Lord when others doubt you,
Certain that He will guide in all you do;
If you can keep your purpose with clear vision,
Bear lack of sympathy, yet sympathize
With those who fail to understand your mission,
Glimpsing His world-task through your Master's eyes:

If you can work in harmony with others
Yet never lose your own distinctive aim,
Mindful that ever among Christian brothers
Methods and plans are often not the same;
If you can see your cherish'd plans defeated
And tactfully and bravely hold your peace,
Nor be embitter'd when unfairly treated
Praying that love and good-will may increase:

If you can trust to native Christian brethren
The church you've built in lands across the sea,
Seeing in them, as in your growing children,
Pledge of the martyrs that are yet to be;
If you can lead these eager weak beginners
By methods indirect—your life, your prayer
For failures and mistakes not judge as sinners,
But make their growth in grace your earnest care:

If you can share with humblest folk your virtue;
If noble souls are richer for your touch;
If neither slights nor adoration hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill your most discouraged minute
With sixty seconds' worth of constancy:—
Yours is the task, with all the challenge in it,
Yours is the vision:—Here am I, send me.
—Evelyn H. Walmsley.

breadth. The thickness of the wall is given to be 144 cubits, which is equivalent to 216 feet. The city measures twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height are equal. There are eight furlongs to a mile. Taking this as a basis, we will find that the height, length, and breadth of the city is 1,500 miles each way. Think of a city with a height of 1,500 miles! This city has twelve foundations (floors) each being separated by a distance of 125 miles. There is nothing said about elevators or staircases there. They have no need of such, for they that dwell therein will be equal unto angels. The second floor would be out of the sight of the natural eye. Each floor, or foundation, bears the

name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

For a time I had considered the city to be rather small for the saints to dwell in eternally, but when I became awakened to what God had really prepared for them that love him (I John 14:2, 3; I Cor. 2:9, 10) I was lost with amazement. That you might get a glimpse of the immensity of our heavenly habitation we hereby set forth in figures a slight estimate of its magnitude. Were that city divided into rooms one mile in length, and one mile high, and one mile long, it would contain three billion, three hundred and seventy-five million rooms (3,375,000,000), each room containing the space of one cubic mile!

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News From Here and There

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ALAMEDA—Evangelists Clarence Smith and Oscar Rogers begin a meeting with Pastor R. A. Wilson March 5.

AUBURN—Evangelist T. L. Mendenhall began a revival meeting there February 13 for pastor Maurice H. Luce. Brother Mendenhall was the afternoon speaker at the fellowship meeting held there on February 14. M. T. Draper, former District Superintendent, now conducting meetings in the district, was the speaker.

BELLE VISTA — The Diablo district churches combined in a glorious time of fellowship Monday, February 14. The church was packed out, and the Lord poured out His Spirit throughout as well as at the close of the service. District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond was the evening speaker. The pastor is Thomas Hickerson.

BURLINGAME—Wm. F. Kirkpatrick was the speaker at both services Sunday, February 6. Albert E. Pickthorn is pastor.

CHICO—Evangelistic services held there for two weeks early in February had good crowds, and good response to the ministry of Evangelist Jack Opie. Paul E. Radley is pastor.

DELHI—The church has just been insulated with rock-wool, also the pastor's apartment. New carpet has been laid in the church and prayer room. This was dedicated to the service of the Lord at the South San Joaquin Valley fellowship meeting held there January 17. At that meeting the home missionary offering amounted to \$218.94. Brother H. Byram of Kerman was the afternoon speaker. Brother Fred Reichert brought the evening message. The ladies of the church prepared lunch and fed over 200 people between the services. The evening service was so well attended that the building was crowded, balcony and all. P. C. Tacker is the pastor.

EL CERRITO — Evangelists Clarence Smith and Oscar Rogers, camp meeting evangelists in 1941, held a good meeting for Pastor Leonard Rogers in February.

FERNDAL—The Redwood District fellowship meeting was held there February 7. The afternoon service became an old-fashioned prayer meeting, there being, as a result, no preaching, nor offering received. Sinners sought the Lord for salvation and many were blessed of Him. District Presbyter J. W. Belcher of Eureka was the speaker at the evening service. The pastor is Lowell E. Dowdy.

GREENFIELD—It was reported in the last issue that Sister Emma Cornett Costella is pastor at Greenfield. She wishes to report that Brother L. W. Cruncleton and wife are the pastors there.

GRIDLEY—Pastor R. T. Doherty of Red-

ding held a week's meetings in Gridley for Pastor Wm. T. Scott, preaching five successive nights on Phases of Zion, typical of the Church. The Word was graciously received by the people, and the Bible teaching which filtered through all of the messages was appreciated greatly.

HOLLISTER—Brother and Sister H. A. Park, missionaries from China, spoke in the afternoon service of the fellowship meeting held there recently. L. H. Bacheller, artist-evangelist, who was then holding a revival meeting for Pastor Louis Weston in Salinas, drew two pictures which were very impressive. District C. A. President Robert Carrington brought the evening message, after which souls were at the altar for salvation. Sisters Marion Minogue and Glenora McMillen are the pastors. Sister Minogue has had to be away for some time due to the illness of her mother in Arizona. Pray for her, and also for her mother.

LIVE OAK—Brother B. H. Givens of North Sacramento has been elected pastor as Brother Vaughn resigned recently due to ill health.

LOS GATOS—The Peninsula District fellowship meeting was held there February 14. Pastor G. A. Fletcher of Monte Vista was the speaker in the afternoon. The evening speaker was Brother Gaylord Atwell of San Francisco at the C. A. district rally. L. E. Bersinger is the pastor.

MODESTO (Bethel) — Evangelist Ted Ness has been ministering recently in Modesto with Pastor Don Weston.

MORGAN HILL — Evangelists Thomas Jackson and Edwin Holmes supplied the pulpit there from January 30 to February 20.

OAKDALE—The Boardman Sisters held a good meeting for Pastor A. L. Gomes in February. Their work with the children was also of interest to the adults.

OLIVEHURST—Evangelist L.A. Lawrence recently held a revival there in which several were saved and a group baptized in water. M. L. Hartman is the pastor.

QUINCY—In January eight new members were taken into the church. The first two weeks in February Evangelist Brad Wilmoth held special meetings during which a number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The pastor is Melville M. York.

RIO DELL—Pastor H. C. Lafferty, formerly of Rohnerville, is opening a work at Rio Dell, and is looking forward to a good ministry there.

RIVERBANK — Evangelist Z. P. Miller held a good ten days' meeting in Riverbank for Pastor Douglas H. Cooksey in January.

SAN BRUNO—Pastor Frank Roubal reports a good meeting with Evangelist Z. P.

Miller the early part of February. Souls were at the altar for salvation, including service men.

SAN FRANCISCO (Bethel)—Evangelist Ted Ness conducted a very good four weeks' revival for Pastor Charles Weston during February. A number were at the altar for salvation.

ST. HELENA—Evangelist Robert Thomas held a good two weeks' meeting for Pastor Robert Carrington early in February.

SUMMIT CITY—Mrs. Dorothy Nelson and family have given up the pastorate and are going to Alabama. The new pastor had not yet been appointed to this home mission station at this writing.

SUNNYVALE — Evangelist Cecil Grice, from the Northwest District, held a good meeting for two weeks, late in January and early in February, for Pastor J. H. Carver.

SUSANVILLE—The Nevada District fellowship meeting was held in Susanville February 7. Several were at the altar seeking Christ at the close of the evening service. C. A. President Robert Carrington was the afternoon speaker, and also spoke during the C. A. part of the evening service. The speaker for the evening service was Evangelist C. V. Hummel. H. L. Marlenee is the pastor.

TRACY—Pastor Floyd W. Thomas has reported a most successful meeting with Evangelist Hans Bretschneider some weeks ago. Many were saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School grew and continues to grow. Praise the Lord.

TURLOCK—Pastor Allen J. Brown of Bethel Temple is chairman of the board of directors of the Turlock Service Center for men and women of the armed forces. This project is sponsored by various Turlock churches. The Center is open daily from 1:30 to 10:30 p.m. with someone always in charge. Brother Brown would be glad to answer questions regarding the carrying on of such a work should anyone care to write him for information in view of doing a similar work.

WHEATLAND—It is reported that the Boardman Sisters had a very good meeting at Wheatland where Sister Daisy Fowler is pastor.

WINTERS—Pastor E. E. Zimmerman reports that the Episcopal church there has been leased and services are being held in it after the interior was painted and repairs made on the outside. Their work at the nearby government camp was carried on all through 1943; the average Sunday School attendance being 30 weekly. Brother Zimmerman has been engaged in this work at the camp for the past five years.

Personal Mention

WM. (Bill) THURMOND, second son of District Superintendent and Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, graduated from High School in February and has gone into the Navy Air Corps V5 program. He has left for Crette, Nebraska, for eight months in Doane College as part of the preliminary schooling. Bill has been a familiar figure at the camp meeting each year, and his presence and help will be greatly missed. We pray God to bless him and keep him shining for the Lord in his new surroundings.

Evangelist STANLEY COOK, formerly of Oakland, held a good meeting in February for Pastor ERIC JOHNSON of the Evangelistic Tabernacle, Salem, Oregon. It is reported that many souls were saved and the interest in the meetings was wonderful.

Brother W. R. PATTERSON has left our district, having accepted the pastorate of the church in Bend, Oregon. We hear that it is a fine church with a fine group of saints. Pastor Patterson's address is 225 E. Kearney St., Bend, Ore.

Evangelist M. T. DRAPER, formerly our District Superintendent, is actively engaged in meetings in the district. He finished a revival meeting with Pastor M. L. Crosson in Sacramento on February 27. On March 19 he is scheduled to begin a meeting in Madera; from March 26 to April 16 he is to be in Gridley, April 23 to May 14 in El Cerrito, and May 21 to June 11 in Del Paso Heights.

Pastor F. T. ALFORD of Laurel, Mississippi, reports that they had a revival with Evangelist ELWIN ARGUE of Winnepeg, Canada, from January 16 to 30.

Evangelist CECIL LOWRY held meetings recently in Oakland with Brother H. J. Ketner, also a week in Escalon with Pastor A. B. League, and a week with Pastor H. T. Langley in Modesto.

Brother and Sister H. B. HAVNER held a revival in Great Bend, Kansas the latter part of January. Hill City was to be the next place where they held meetings in February.

Belle Vista S. S.



This is the Sunday School at Belle Vista, near Pittsburg, California, where Thomas Hickerson is pastor. The attendance runs around 70. The church is now nearly too small for Sunday School and services; so the living quarters may have to be vacated to make additional room. This work was only started last fall by Brother Hickerson, and thus far a goodly number have been saved.

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membership now stands at 7,984,944, an increase for 1943 of 145,639 over the previous year. The number of active ministers is 25,265 with 5,970 superannuated and supernumerary members of Conferences, and 1,280 chaplains serving with the military. Fifty ministers are duly elected Bishops of the church, effective and retired.

Methodists gave \$37,931,579 to ministerial support in 1943, an increase over 1942 of \$2,588,738. A total of \$9,201,040 was contributed last year to World Service and Conference benevolences, another big increase of almost two million dollars. The church has an investment of \$701,947,576 in church buildings and parsonages.

The Greatness of Our God

"Professor Shapley," says *The New York Times*, "reports the discovery of 75,000 new galaxies to add to the 325,000 already known. He tells us the galaxy spotters will probably run the total to a million within a few years, and that the average galaxy contains more than 1,000,000,000 suns, plus, no doubt, planets, moons, comets and other minor accessories. Some of these new galaxies may be 1,000,000,000 light years from our earth."

City To Come

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One of the most astonishing features about such a place is the time it would require to visit, or to go over that city visiting each room separately. If we were to begin at the formation of Adam to go through the city, spending one hour in each room for twenty-four hours a day, at the end of 6,000 years we would only have visited 52,570,560, leaving 3,322,529,440 rooms yet to be gone through! This calculation includes all the leap years that occur in 6,000 years, deducting the century year when there is no leap year.

To bring the calculation down to a smaller point let us give one minute's time to visit each room of the above dimensions, and at the expiration of 6,000 years one would have visited 3,154,233,600 rooms, leaving 210,766,400 rooms yet unentered. By the time one would have completed his circuit and returned to the point from which he had started "old things" will have become "new." When we carefully consider these things we are struck with astonishment and are compelled to exclaim in the prophetic words, "What hath God wrought!"

But shall we stop here? No! Let us look again. To be confined to the city alone would seem sufficient to absorb our time throughout eternity. How little could we see in one minute of a room a mile cube! But that is not all, for we are told that there are gates on the east, on the north, on the west, and on the south; so that when we shall have tired beholding the things within the walls thereof, we shall have perfect liberty to soar away through unlimited space and feast on the handiwork of our great God forever and forever; and that throughout ages to come He will continually show unto us the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus our Lord (Eph. 2:7).

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory forever. Amen.

Great Missionary Convention

Under Auspices of Eastbay District of Assemblies of God.

APRIL 2-9, 1944

CIVIC AUDITORIUM, Oakland, California

KENNETH SHORT, Springfield, Mo., Main Speaker

Services begin Sunday afternoon, April 2 at 2:30 and continue every night through the week at 7:45, and close with Easter Sunday afternoon service with missionary pageant of missionaries present wearing dress of peoples to whom they have been ministering.

SERVICEMEN'S RALLY, Monday Night, April 3

(Sponsored by the C.A.s)

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, April 7, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

W. C. M.

Thanks to the District Secretary, our Women's Missionary Council received honorable mention in GLAD TIDINGS last month as participating in the program at mid-winter convention. What a grand convention! We were inspired all over again with the call of God, the need to spread the gospel, and determined to do more than ever to help the Home Missionaries and workers on the field with "what we have in our hands." Some of the new missionaries on the field expressed thanks and gratification when they learned that a host of women all over the district were holding them up in prayer. All the missionaries were so thankful for the lovely boxes of necessities and personal gifts received at Christmas time. Many had special requests for prayer, and want the women to faithfully remember them before the throne. There are so many seemingly hopeless cases in need of healing for both soul and body in these out-of-the-way places.

A report came in that Brother S. Webster at Lakeport can give out quite an amount of used clothing to Indians there. There will be missionaries going to South America who will be able to take things back with them; so there will be many things for the women to do. Extra layettes are always needed; so keep a complete one on hand at all times.

Now is the time to plan for a district W.M.C. meeting if it is possible to have one.

Mrs. R. J. T., Director.

A Chaplain's Work

Army Chaplain Donald F. Lehmann, serving with the Infantry, is a busy man. Chaplains get right out with the men during maneuvers as well as in the battle area, so they partake of the physical stress and strain and development that prepares soldiers for the war fronts.

Along with these activities during one month recently, January, Chaplain Lehmann conducted 21 services which included six Sunday morning worship services, six Sunday evening worship services, seven weekday evening services, and two weekday evening prayer services. And also visited a military Protestant service of his regiment. This besides the pastoral work of a chaplain, including 365 contacts with enlisted men, 90 conferences and interviews, 11 letters written for enlisted men, 16 individual prayers with soldiers while on maneuvers, 1 song service on maneuvers, during a break, and 9 Testaments distributed during personal contact. Twenty-five days were spent in the field with maneuvering troops.

The facilities provided for a chaplain's work include pyramidal tents in which to hold services, an office equipped with desks and tables in pyramidal tent. Transportation is available upon request.

The religious percentage of the personnel of his regiment is: Protestant 63%, Catholic 31%, Jewish 1%, no denomination 5%.

"Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning."

In Springfield

It is with pleasure that the members of this district learn of the forming of a special department in Springfield to carry on the gospel work among the members of the armed forces, and a special pleasure to learn that our Brother Harry Jaeger, from our own district, has been appointed to head this department. Brother Jaeger's experience and successful ministry along this line should make him valuable in the development of this work. We pray that God's blessing and grace shall rest upon him, and that many more of the boys in uniform will find the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Subscribe

If you haven't done so already, be sure to subscribe for *The Missionary Challenge*, a quarterly magazine, published by The Gospel Publishing House, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Its information and inspiration will be a blessing to you. The price: 50c per year, 13c a single copy.

Wanted!

Needed!

A washing machine. Sister Thurmond wants to purchase a used washing machine. If you know where she may obtain one, write her at 553 El Dorado Avenue, Oakland 11, Calif.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming." I Cor. 15:22, 23.

District Council News

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Superintendent's Report

Beloved in Christ Jesus:

Another report time! My, how the time flies! Just prior to the midwinter convention, a business meeting was held with the Burlingame church to arrange for its incorporation, and to talk over purchase of Victory Hall. District Presbyter C. O. Wood was present. We were happy to know the assembly could raise at least \$1,000 to help in the purchase price. Along with Home Missions help and special contributions pledged from some of the churches, a substantial payment is being made on the new property; and we are believing that the ministry of Pastor Albert Pickthorn will continue to be blessed with a good growth in membership as they move to the new place.

Services were held in Lodi on the Sunday before the convention. A precious day of fellowship was enjoyed with Pastor and Mrs. McPherson and the members.

Brother Renfroe put in a report of the midwinter missionary convention in the last issue of GLAD TIDINGS just before it went to press, so there is no need to repeat but just to say I have been very glad for the good report from so many that the Lord did something real for them in consecration and calling. Praise the Lord! Surely we rejoice in the number who heard His call and answered. I am still hearing from others along this line.

One precious feature of the convention was the ordination of Brother Hans F. Bretschneider of the Illinois District, during an evening service. The Presbytery gathered on the platform, and as hands were laid upon him, the charge was given, and Brother W. T. Gaston prayed God's blessing upon our brother's life and ministry. The brethren of the Illinois District requested us to ordain Brother Bretschneider for them inas-

much as he had been unable to return to their district for the ordination at Council time as he is on the evangelistic field all of the time. Having been licensed many years his ministry was worthy of this added recognition and fellowship.

Woodland, Winters, Madera, Livingston, San Francisco (Glad Tidings) for interview with our Assistant General Superintendent, R. E. Riggs, St. Helena campground trip, Oakland (Bethel) fellowship meeting, Live Oak, San Jose, Sunnyvale, Galt, Belle Vista fellowship meeting, San Bruno, San Rafael, San Quentin, and Santa Rosa, comprise the calls, services, and business meetings held since the convention and up to February when this is being written.

The sudden death of Dr. M. S. McKericher, Chaplain of San Quentin Prison, was a shock not only to his family, but to his many friends and associates. The funeral was held at San Rafael where State officials and ministers of various denominations paid their last respects. Several of our own brethren were in attendance. It was my privilege to accompany Brother and Sister Lehmann and group. May the comfort of our Lord be the strength and portion of the bereaved family, is our heartfelt prayer.

A timely visit and counsel was had with Brother Riggs as he stopped over in San Francisco for two services and

Attention!

All those who wish to apply for ordination at the next District Council should send to the District office for application blanks NOW!

to look over the Bible School. Brother Riggs is Home Missions and Educational Secretary of the General Council in the filling of his office as Assistant General Superintendent. He was much interested in our home missions work, especially among the Indians. It has been thought that the General Council should take over this branch of work as there is a great opportunity among the Indians of the United States. I am looking forward to a time when Brother Riggs will come back and go out over our Indian sections with me if it is possible for him to do so.

The new Service Men's Department under our Brother Harry Jaeger is a timely move by the brethren at headquarters. We anticipate some co-operation in establishing Christian service men's centers and special meetings around the various army and navy camps this year.

There has been a large amount of mail this past month. If an answer is not always received immediately, bear with me, for I can only answer as I return from trips over the district. Mrs. Thurmond and I have just spent a day and a half in answering this week's mail, which is about the usual practice. We are always glad to hear from you, and wish to assist in every way possible to bring about a better fellowship, and to advise as the Lord gives wisdom.

Let us continue to pray for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and to yield to the movings of His Spirit as the vision and burden increases. It is the Spirit of God alone we need for such an hour as this. God bless each one of you.

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

Mar. 6—Blue Lake, Lovelock, Nev.; Oakland (Temple Church).

Mar. 13—San Francisco (Bethel), Willits.

Mar. 20—Merced, San Rafael, Soledad.

Mar. 27—Central Valley.

Camp Meeting — June 27 to July 9, 1944

STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY IV

(Continued from last issue)

CHAPTER 3

IV. A Seven-fold Heated Furnace Rendered Ineffective by the Interposition of Miraculous Power

Verses 19-25. The king was furious. He was not accustomed to having his laws disobeyed or his authority called into question. He had promoted these three Hebrews at the request of Daniel, and because they had displayed unusual mentality "in all matters of wisdom and understanding," so that the king had "found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm" (1:20). But now his attitude toward them changed; he ordered that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than it was wont to be heated, indicating, it would appear, that his wrath was seven times greater than it had ever been and that in the heat of his anger he had temporarily lost his last vestige of common sense and was completely dominated by that spirit of senseless tyranny that often characterizes men of inferior moral development when they find themselves placed in a position of prominence and power; prominence they are unworthy of and power they are utterly unfitted to wield. The furnace was thus heated at the king's order, and these three fearless captives were thrown therein, "bound in their coats, their hosen and their hats, and their other garments"; they "fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace," and "because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego." It would appear that the destruction of the lives of these men was ordered by God that the king, and all the people, and all succeeding generations, might see that He who miraculously preserves His own who trust in Him metes out divine judgment to those who, in order that they may save their lives, allow themselves to be implicated in criminal conduct that their own sense of what is just and right must tell them is wrong and therefore worthy of divine censure.

How marvelous was the preservation of the lives of the faithful three! They had dared to believe God; they had refused to compromise; they had preferred to die, if necessary, rather than sin; and their faith "quenched the violence of fire." If faith can do that—and it can do it, for it *did it*—faith can do anything. It "laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It shall be done!'"

V. A Sovereign Convinced Temporarily of the Superiority of Jehovah to the Heathen Deities

Verses 26-28. The evidence of the ability of Jehovah to preserve His faithful worshipers was so outstanding that it would have been utter folly for any person acquainted with the facts to call it into question. The miracle was not performed in a far-off corner of the empire, and then reported by a man or group of men whose reputation was in question or whose word was doubtful. "The princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their heads singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them."

So convincing was the evidence that Nebuchadnezzar "spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God." It does not appear that Nebuchadnezzar recognized Jehovah as the only God, but simply as one among many gods, but superior to others. He was still a polytheist.

VI. A Decree Designed to Glorify God, But Unreasonable and Without Divine Sanction

Verse 29. The king appears to have been determined to be a persecutor. First, he purposed to persecute those who refused to worship his image, and then, having seen the marvelous manifestation of Jehovah's power in preserving the faithful three in the midst of the fire, he purposed to persecute any who might say anything amiss against

that God who had so marvelously protected His own. It is folly to force people to serve God or to refrain from anything amiss against Him. The purpose of the king may have been commendable; it was designed to glorify God, but the decree was unreasonable; it did not have the divine sanction, and the penalty affixed to its violation was in itself an evidence that the character of the king was unchanged; he was the same unmerciful tyrant he had been at the time he issued his decree requiring all his subjects to worship the golden image he had set up.

VII. A Deserved Promotion Which in This World Is Very Rarely the Fruit of Uncompromising Fidelity to God

Verse 30. "Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon." They had been set over the affairs of the province prior to this time; now they were promoted. It pays to be true to God, to possess and manifest an uncompromising spirit. But such reward as came to these faithful ones does not always come to the uncompromising heroes upon earth. But if it fails to come on earth it will come after a while when life upon this planet shall have come to a close. The faithful are to be rewarded throughout eternity; it will be an everlasting reward. That the reward may be ours we can afford, if need be, to suffer a while. "If we suffer we shall also reign with Him" (2 Tim. 2:12). That will surely be sufficient compensation.

The preservation of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the burning fiery furnace is to be regarded as a type of the preservation of the faithful remnant at the time of the end. Read Rev. 7:1-4; 14:1; Zech. 13:8, 9.

Cost of the War

Here is a startling fact regarding the cost of war, as reckoned by the *New York Times*:

The war is costing \$2,200 a second—\$132,000 a minute—\$7,920,000 an hour! Thus the citizen who pays an income tax of \$1,000 in a year pays for less than half a second of war!

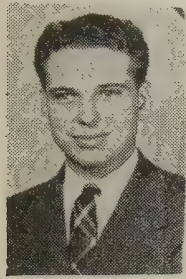
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The Mood of the Mob

by EVANGELIST ROBERT THOMAS



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These are wonderful yet fearful days in which we are living. Wonderful because each day's events add another note to the majestic prelude to the coming of Christ. Everything points to the heavens and cries out, "He's coming soon." we have cause to lift up our heads and rejoice, we must still be on guard. The days are fearful because Satan is in a rage. He is waging an all-out offensive, for he knows that his days are numbered.

With the war have come opportunities to the youth of America as never before. The door to worldly success has been flung open wide, and is beckoning to the youth to rush in. This door has been a trap for many, leading them away from God. The enemy of souls often appears as an angel of light. Golden opportunity glitters in our eyes and we drop all and run after it. Thinking only of success for self, we forget the will of God, and our life is spoiled by sin. This is the tragedy of today—youth following the mood of the mob rather than the Will of God.

The world today is in a moulding process. We are being pressed into grooves. The world is mob conscious. Individuality is being supplanted by crowd psychology. More and more we do as the mob does, regardless of the kind of influence by which the mob is swayed.

The newspaper advertisements and the styles capitalize on this mob psychology. In the mad rush toward universality of ideas and modes of living, individuality and personal conviction is sacrificed. "Everybody's doing it" is the slogan that even Christians use to justify their worldly ways. We must participate in order to be in the swim. Yet all history teaches that the majority has near-

ly always been on the side of unrighteousness.

Many professing Christians today are accommodating themselves absolutely to the mood of the multitude, without a thought of the will of God. Oh, the need for youth who will show the world what they have found in Christ. Who will dare to do the will of God regardless of the crowd?

In these days of radio communication popular opinion may change over night. Political leaders are as fickle as the wind. There are few who have deep-seated and unchanging motivations. The mob can be swayed in most any direction by radio oratory. The mob may love a man today and hate him tomorrow; pat him on the back today—stab him tomorrow. It will cry hosanna on Sunday and crucify a man on Friday.

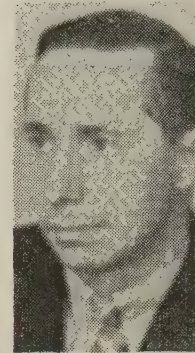
If the crowd hates you today as a Christian, remember they do it because you are striving to conform to Christ rather than the mob. Remember the words of Him who was nailed to the cross by that same hate: "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil for the Son of Man's sake. . . . Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets."

Mr. Christian, if you are the world's "good fellow," you'd better find out why! True followers of Christ are of necessity a separated people. "The world hath hated them because they are not of the world," said our Lord. Those who stand with Christ are bound to be in the minority. That is the price of knowing Him, "whom to know aright is life eternal." That's the price of taking the hard right rather than the easy wrong. Being among the minority is the price paid for seeking the will of God in all

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Introducing . . .

Stanley Walsh, Sectional Chairman of the Coast Counties District.



Stanley Walsh

Walsh is the pastor of the Calvary Tabernacle Church of Soledad, the southernmost church in the Northern California-Nevada District.

The Coast Counties churches, are in most cases from twenty-five to fifty miles apart, and ral-

lies are consequently looked forward to with interest and anticipation. In normal times, this is a great asset, but with gas rationing, it sometimes becomes a problem. However, where there is a will and a desire, there is usually a way. And the young people somehow find the means of coming, as there has been no noticeable decrease in attendance.

"Believing that the only way to change five talents into ten, and two talents into four, is by putting them into active service, the Sectional Chairman has the C.A.s take as much of the meeting as is possible.

"Desiring to do a work of lasting benefit in the different churches visited, we hold a great open-air service before each rally. When the town or city where the rally is held, sees fifty young people singing the praises of their Saviour, it takes notice. When they hear the young people in such numbers testifying to the power of Christ to keep from a life of sin, there is something that helps them see that it's real. In the last street service, a sailor boy was attracted, came to the church, heard a stirring message by the young people's president, Robert Carrington, and with four or five others, came down to give his heart to the Master."

"We shall have all eternity to celebrate the victories, but we have only the few hours before sunset to win them."

Mood of Mob

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of your life. Christ has a plan for your life, friend, and hurrying along with the mob will never help you to find that plan.

Mark the fact that the mass mind today is utterly stupid. It is selfish to the core. Its textbook is customs and creeds. It revels in the cheap and the ordinary. Its books are the movies. Its pleasure is the sensual. Its literature is the newspaper and the pulp magazine. It feeds on radio sensationalism. It craves the tinsel, the tawdry, and the low. It thrives on the crash and bang of jazz and swing. It relishes the stimulus of its own Saint Vitus dance. It travels at a terrific pace—going nowhere.

Any Christian who stops to think should know that no truly great men are the products of this mob spirit. The world's greatness is measured by authority and lordliness. Divine greatness is a meek and gentle influence. It is felt in the loneliness of the back side of the desert. It is seen in the life that has sought and found the will of the Lord: in the one that realizes that God has a greater purpose for his life than SELF success and following the mob.

Oh, Christ Ambassadors, don't follow the mob. Its morals, its fashions, its customs are all corrupt, and they lead away from God. "Come out from among them and be ye separate." "Enter ye in at the straight gate." Dare to be a Daniel and stand out alone, if need be, against the ungodliness of the mob. "When in Rome do as the Romans do" was no motto for Daniel. Daniel was no mob chaser. He did what God would have him do, whatever the cost.

God give us more Christians today like the three Hebrews who refused to identify themselves with the mob, though it meant being cast into a fiery furnace. They demonstrated that the approval of God is worth more than all the plaudits of the world.

The mob first called Paul a god, then pelted him with stones. How wonderful that the love of Christ constrained him to stand alone and witness in the power of the Spirit! The mob smashed the body of Stephen with bricks, yet his spirit went home glorifying his Master.

Do not forget that the mob which would lead you in your thinking and acting today is the same in spirit as that

G. T. B. I. Alumni Echoes

Sister Leona Goodpasture, Class of '39, has been for the past year in Long Beach, California. She has been working as assistant pastor under Rev. E. B. and Emma Taylor who are the pastors of the church at 10th and Linden.

Sister Goodpasture assists in the radio broadcast which Sister Taylor conducts every morning over Station KFOX. She is also busy in the Sunday School work, and in the Young People's Work as C. A. President. Added to these duties—she is also Women's Missionary Council President. Leona tells us she is enjoying her work in Long Beach, and feels it a privilege to be working with Sister Taylor.

Pearl and Homer Thompson have written another interesting letter from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, a portion of which we quote here:

"I suppose you have been receiving our church paper which we put out every month. You will no doubt notice that I am the associate editor of the paper. I write the Christ's Ambassadors' Corner and do the typing for the rest of the paper.

which cried, "Release unto us Barabbas!" It is the mob that spits in the face of Christ, that cries "Away with Him . . . we will not have Him to rule over us."

Christian youth, you cannot serve two masters. The church is at a standstill today because believers are not standing out from the crowd. Many are being dominated by the mood of the mob. Few care to risk the ridicule of the worldly. "Because ye are not of the crowd," said Jesus, "I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Are we willing to pay the price?

When we shut our ears to the crowd about us, then we can live to the God above us. If your all is in the hands of Christ, you'll not be looking over your shoulder to see what the mob is doing. There is no religion so dangerous as half-way Christianity. Oh, let us be wholly for Him, then we can be assured that He, with all of His power, will be wholly for us. Crown Him—crown Him KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS in your life, and you'll stand out from the mob, and His joy will be yours.

"We have a radio broadcast every day but Saturday for which I plan the musical numbers. In the pastor's absence, I do the speaking over the radio as well as in the church services, and I might add that the pastor is away quite often.

"Just recently I was appointed C. A. Director for this area by our State C. A. President. Therefore, I am in charge of all the rallies in this section. So you can see we keep quite busy, but we like it very much.

The G.T.B.I. Alumni extends congratulations to Emil Balliet, '30, in his new appointment as Dean of the North Central Bible Institute. May God bless Brother Balliet!

Sister Charis Walker, '39, has taken over the Home Bible Class Work in San Francisco. This is a work conducted among children of San Francisco in homes in different sections of the city. At the present time, Mrs. Walker and her co-laborers have organized 26 of these classes, with 26 teachers on her teaching staff. Many children are hearing the gospel message through these afternoon Bible classes who would never come to a church or a Sunday School, and there have been definite cases of conversion among the children. The total average attendance of these classes is 260—which is a good-sized Sunday School in itself. Sister Walker seems to have a real burden for this work with the children, and the Lord is blessing her efforts.

Brother P. B. Bajarin, '35, writes: "Glad to report I am still in His glad service. I have had the privilege of seeing many souls come into the Kingdom, and many of them are going on with the Lord, for which I am thanking God. We are expecting a great revival all over. The Lord willing, we will start evangelistic meetings here in San Jose, beginning in February. I am also taking charge of the Wednesday night service at a rescue mission. Also, we are helping in the radio broadcast by singing and testifying every Sunday afternoon."

We hear that the home of the Oscar Arnesens has been blessed recently by the advent of a baby girl. Congratulations, parents!

WM. A. WEINMANN.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Dirty Hands

(Dedicated to the Boys and Girls)

God has giv'n me two hands
To do my work today.
I also use my two hands
To help me in my play.

Often my hands get dirty
And I'm told to wash them then;
But strange to say, it isn't long
Till it's time to wash again.

But I've been thinking lately—
Of some dirt that can't be seen;
And it's not all work and play
That make my hands unclean.

Sometimes they're in my pockets
When they should be doing good;
A job in which to use them,
And I know I really should;

But I leave them in my pockets
That's how they're stained within.
God says "To know to do good . . .
And do it not . . . is sin."

Now there are signs that hands make
That surely stain them, too;
Little gestures that aren't clean,
Dirty things for hands to do.

A doubled fist, a hand that slaps,
And "sneaky fingers" do it too;
They make my hands just filthy bad,
And what am I to do?

Well, when my hands are dirty,
From working or from play,
My mother says, "Go wash, son,
You can't come eat that way."

Soap and water does the trick;
If I work it, as I should,
Then once more my hands are clean,
And my mother calls me "good."

But sin-stains can't be washed from
hands
The soap-and-water way.
It takes another fountain;
Where we don't scrub—we pray.

It takes the blood of Jesus . . .
And oft when day is done;
I hear Him say, "Your hands are dirty . . .
It's time to wash, my son."
—(Psalms 24:1-5).

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

SOUND AN ALARM!

We are suffering defeat on the home front!

We may be hearing of victories here and there over the battle fields abroad, but the home front faces appalling defeat!

Christian parents! Pastors! Sunday School teachers and workers! . . . We can't afford to sit idly by, when in our very hearts and hands we hold the solution to this tragic problem. We have the one and only thing that will bring victory to the home front.

I have before me the little booklet by Dan Gilbert, "The Truth About Juvenile Delinquency." It is because I have been stirred so intensely by its contents that I am giving it place in our column this month.

Mr. Gilbert refers us to the horrors of the front lines in this war; the bloodshed and the loss of life . . . BUT: (I quote from Dan Gilbert's book, pages 9, 10, and 11.) "So far the Nazis and Japs have not succeeded in invading America. No enemy bombs have slaughtered the innocent in our city streets. No enemies have invaded the homes of our people to corrupt the girls and young women of our nation.

"But, nevertheless, the agents and co-workers of the foe—the enemies within our gates—have carried out a blitzkrieg against the purity and chastity of American youth.

"Our most heart-rending casualty list bears the names of those slain on the home front. . . . Since the war began, an estimated half million American girls under sixteen years of age, have been lured into vice and immorality.

"A plague of juvenile delinquency is sweeping our land.

"Our juvenile detention homes and jails are crowded to overflowing.

"Our hospitals are filled with the youthful victims of immoral diseases.

"Law enforcement officials, from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the G-men, to the Chief of Police in our humblest cities, have sounded the desperate alarm: hell has broken loose on the home front! The mothers of tomorrow are being

made unfit for their God-given calling by the forces of debauchery loose in our land.

"To gain a nation-wide understanding of the scope and character of the problem of juvenile delinquency, I solicited brief reports from leading newspaper men throughout the nation. These are typical of the responses that came from the best trained reporters and analysts in America.

"From New York: 'Juvenile delinquency has hit an all time high. Girls from ten to fourteen years of age are flocking through the police courts by the thousands. There are twice as many girls in jail today as there were at any previous time that we have record of.'

"From Illinois: 'The state has been swept by a wave of illegitimacy. In one high school of three hundred, twenty-six girls are pregnant. In one city with a high school population of four thousand, more than one thousand girls are reported to be diseased; another five hundred are expectant mothers.'

"From California: 'Thrill-thirsty bands of young girls are prowling the streets of leading cities every night. They prefer soldiers but they are on the march for immorality, regardless. They have adopted the "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die" philosophy.'

"From Michigan: 'Competent medical authorities reveal that more than twenty-five percent of the high school girls of representative cities have contracted social diseases since Pearl Harbor.'

"From Louisiana: 'Alcoholically and sexually intoxicated girls on the night prow, have required the hiring of extra law enforcement officers in leading cities. Moral lawlessness is at its highest point in history.'

"From Washington D.C. comes this report by one of the nation's best authorities on juvenile delinquency: 'This is the over-all picture for the nation'.

"Our casualty list for teen-age girls has past the million mark.

"This is what happened since Pearl Harbor: 'Teen-age girls lured into vice and immorality: 1,100,000.

"Teen-age girls afflicted with social disease: 300,000.

"Teen-age girls subjected to abortion: 150,000.

"Teen-age girls with illegitimate offspring: 75,000."

Mr. Gilbert closes his booklet with a chapter on, "How to Win on the Home Front." According to the writer, "Christ and the Bible" is our only solution; and of course we add a hearty "amen."

But we must say more than amen; it is plain to be seen that there is vital work to be done. There is a battle to be fought! Time lost means souls lost!

I recommend that you get the booklet referred to, by Dan Gilbert, and acquaint yourself with the facts we face.

For your copy, write to:

Capitol Book and Bible Store,
922-8th St., Sacramento, Calif.
(Price 35c)

Learn the Bible by Heart

Sunday School children should learn the "first chapter of Genesis, that they may know how the world was made; the third chapter, that they may know how it fell; the first chapter of John, that they may know how it is to be redeemed; and the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, that they may know how it is to be reconstructed."—Talmadge.

New Arrivals

John Henry Kennedy arrived September 8, 1943, in Freetown, West Africa, to gladden the home of his missionary parents, John and Daisy Kennedy. May the Lord's blessings be upon this new little missionary.

Sylvia (Boyer) Watkins sends word of the arrival of little Philip Edward on January 16, to their home in Palm Springs where Brother Watkins is stationed in the service.

Pastor and Mrs. C. E. Lebeck have happily received a new member into their home. Little Lynnette Margaret was born February 9.

Married

It will be of interest to many to know that Miriam Kennedy has married Paul Wright who has been the pastor in Dunn, N.C. They are now preparing to go to Sierra Leone, West Africa, as missionaries, to join her father and step-mother, John and Daisy Kennedy.

To Know Him

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again to the Father, and they had tarried before God, when the day of Pentecost was fully come the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the waiting disciples, and somehow they received a revelation of Christ that they had never known before. They had walked with Him for three years, and now came a revelation that was far beyond anything they had ever had before, and it was that revelation that made Peter able to say, "*Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*" What was it that gave Peter that courage? It was the revelation of the Holy Ghost, of Christ the Son of God in all of His power, and of the mighty moving of the Spirit of God; and he somehow realized that in that name of Jesus there was power to heal the man that was born lame.

We find that the Apostle Paul received a revelation of Christ on the road to Damascus. He was going to put the holy men and women into prison, but you remember the light showed from heaven. He fell down in the dust of the earth and heard the voice of God speaking to him. You will remember that he was led into the city and God told Ananias to lay hands upon him that he might receive his sight, and he was to receive the Holy Ghost. And that Saul of Tarsus who was changed into the great Apostle Paul, was willing to lay aside fame, and had to be let down in a basket to escape his late companions. Paul was willing to stand before kings and give testimony of the saving power of Jesus Christ, that Christ had saved his soul, transformed his life, and taken him from darkness into light, and given him the inheritance among those who were sanctified.

I think our greatest danger is that we fall into the habit of taking the things of God as a matter of course. It is the Spirit of God that will take these things and will make them real to us and help us to act on them. I read in my Bible that "*Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered the heart of men the things that God hath prepared for them that love him.*"

This is true for the man or woman of the world. He says "Heaven is all right.

I hope I will get there by and by. I am in no particular hurry. I am going to live my life here and trust that it will work out in the future." That is the fleshly viewpoint. By the Spirit of God and the power of the Holy Ghost in our lives, the things of heaven become real. The spiritual understanding brings to us the great value of spiritual things. The world is striving after the natural things today perhaps as they have never striven after them before, but we need to get the Spirit of God, and the things of heaven will become more real to us than the things of this world. The things that are seen are temporary. They are all right to have, but they are not going to do us much good in eternity. Eternity stands before us. It is only the Spirit of God that can make the things of the Spirit real. The things that are seen and are temporary are going to pass, but the spiritual things will last forever. We can sell our souls for a few pieces of silver, but when the time comes to die these things are not going to mean much.

We read in the 14th verse of the second chapter of First Corinthians, "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*" Perhaps you do not feel that you understand the spiritual things as you would like to. Do you know why? Because you are not as spiritually minded as you should be. If you are letting God have His way in your life, the things of the Spirit will mean something to you. If you are living in the world and your mind and your beliefs and all your hopes are set upon the things of this world, even though you are a Christian, you are not going to have very much understanding of the things of God.

We need the Spirit of God to make the things of God real to us. You may study about the things of God, you may have a theoretical understanding and have a philosophy of life and still miss God entirely. You may have been religious all of your life, but have you ever had the Spirit of God in your heart? I am glad we have the Spirit offered freely to all who will come.

Life is eternity's seed time.

J. NARVER GORTNER, *Principal*
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DOROTHY THURMOND, *Junior Editor*
BARBARA MILDON, *Freshman Editor*

New Students and Spring Semester

The blessing of the Lord descended on the student body of Glad Tidings Bible Institute as it reconvened after a few days of vacation. Chapel services started at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, February 15, with prayer and with singing—"Let the lower lights be burning!"

Each student sang with a determination in his heart to give of his best to the Master this new semester. The new students entered in wholeheartedly resolving to reconsecrate their lives and keep the "lower lights burning."

Coming to us from Orland is Benjamin "Bud" Gottschalk; from Stirling City, Chester Kenworthy; from San Bernardino, Jack Wien; from Lower Lake, Francis Westfall; Morgan Hill, Kenneth Jones; Salida, George Griffin; Waterford, Harry York; San Francisco, David Weston; Newberg, Oregon, Loren Triplett.

Our new women students are Mary Martindale and Martha McCracken from Modesto; Betty Lou Grater, Rio Linda; Alise Hickerson, Pittsburg; Helen Newton, Coquille, Oregon; Violet Rae, Martinez; Evelyn Jones and Betty Brown, Sacramento; Beatrice Jones, Palo Alto; Bessie Groves, Alameda; Bernice Avila, Monterey.

We are praying much for this new semester, for workers are needed in the harvest field. We want our hearts and minds stayed on the Lord that He may reveal His perfect will for each of our lives. Now is the time to let the Lord direct our paths and guide our lives. We would ask your continued interest in us and your prayers for us as a student body that we may give ourselves unreservedly to the Lord and find our places in His service whether at home or abroad.

D. O. T.

Lifts Ban on Music

After more than 80 years, the Free Methodist Church has relaxed the rule that banned music at its church services. Organs and pianos are now permitted to be used in worship.

Freshmen

It may of interest to you to know the reason young people from various walks of life leave their occupations and homes to come to Bible School. Here are some personal testimonies from the Freshman Class:

"I came to school because the Lord called me, and the reason I'm staying is because I believe the Lord wants me here to learn His word. I am going into the ministry upon completion of school—whatever call the Lord gives me, but I'd like to do women's prison and reformatory work."—Georgiana Whitaker.

"I came to Bible School that I might have a fuller knowledge of His precious Word, that I may do service for Him. The Lord willing after my three years of school I want to go to China as a missionary."—Shirley Craig.

"Since we have come to Bible School we have formed a trio and we are wholly consecrated to God and are willing to do and go wherever He leads us."—Mabel Oxley, Ramona York, and Dorothy Jones.

"We are vitally interested in children's work, and should the Lord lead us our quartet will work for Him this summer. However, Margaret is preparing for the Foreign Mission Field."—Pauline Bartsch, Wanda Avants, Wanda Lee Borin, Margaret Klassen.

"It is my desire to learn all I can in Bible School that will help me to be efficient in working in my home church."—Dorothy Nodurft.

"I came to Bible School to better equip myself as a Personal Worker."—Eleanor Conway.

"My father was a preacher and I feel that the Lord would have me carry on from where he left off."—Georgia Landers.

"I felt definitely that it was the Lord's will for me to come to Bible School. I intend to go out into evangelistic work during summer."—Marian Gararden.

"I came to study the Word of God, to show myself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed. I later intend to go into the ministry and also to work with the children."—Delores Gray.

"The Lord has laid the field of India on my heart, and I am preparing myself to follow as the Lord leads."—Margaret Steward.

"I came to Bible School to study the Word of God and because the Lord definitely showed me He wanted me to come to fulfill His will in my life."—Virginia Gilhausen.

"It was the sure leading of the Lord that brought me here to G.T.B.I. It may be that I shall go out in the work amongst the children as they are very close to my heart."—E. Olsen.

Paul Couchman, Jr. is answering a call to be a missionary to Peru.

Glenn Wakefield is preparing for evangelistic work.

Mildred Shirley intends to do children's work.

Ward Honey wants to go out into the ministry as God leads.

Phyllis Camm wants to be an evangelist.

Artie Wyatt wants to be a more efficient worker for the Lord.

These are only some of the testimonies and very brief at that. However, you can see that there are students preparing for every phase of Christian ministry. This should encourage you to attend Bible School if for no other reason than to learn more of Him. We are not all called to be ministers, but what a blessing we can be at work, at school, and in our home church with a good Bible foundation.

May God richly bless all these students in their earnest efforts, and it is only through consecration and constant prayer that their ambitions will be realized.—B.J.M.

"The Spot"

For the convenience of the students a new addition, "The Spot," has been installed in one corner of the dining room. Soft drinks, sandwiches, candy, ice cream, pie, potato chips, milk, fruit, etc., are the reason for the popularity of this new venture. "The Spot" is doing a prosperous business under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Umphenour. During recess, all afternoon, and after the evening service, it is open and really accomplishes its purpose.

D. O. T.

The Wonderful Book

Sixty-six Books in One Book

The Old Testament contains the new Testament;
The New Testament explains the Old Testament.
The Old Testament conceals the New Testament.
The New Testament reveals the Old Testament.
Sixty-six pictures of the one road.

Twenty Centuries Under One Cover

The Old Testament predicts;
The New Testament presents;
The Old Testament promises;
The New Testament produces.
The Old Testament anticipates;
The New Testament authenticates.

Twenty Centuries Upon the One Theme

Sixty-six pacts and twenty centuries of unity.
The Old Testament pictures the weakness of man in himself;
The New Testament portrays the strength of man in God.
The Old Testament interprets failure;
The New Testament illuminates success.
The Old Testament cries, "Some one is coming;"
The New Testament certifies, "Some one has come."
A Saviour, Life, Hope and a sure Expectation.

The Critic

A little seed lay in the ground,
And soon began to sprout;
"Now which of all the flowers around,"
It mused, "Shall I come out?"
The lily's face is fair and proud,
But just a trifle cold;
The rose, I think is rather loud,
And then, its fashion's old.
The violet is all very well,
But not a flower I'd choose.
Nor yet the Canterbury bell—
I never cared for blues."
And so it criticized each flower,
This supercilious seed,
Until it woke one summer hour—
And found itself a weed.

God's Minorities

During the time Noah was building the ark, he was very much in the minority—but he won!

When Joseph was sold into Egypt by his brothers, he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Gideon and his 300 followers, with their broken pitchers and lamps, put the Midians to flight, they were an insignificant minority—but they won.

When Elijah prayed down fire from heaven and put the prophets of Baal to shame, he was in a notable minority—but he won.

When David, ridiculed by his brothers, went out to meet Goliath, in size he was in a decided minority—but he won.

When Stephen was stoned, he seemed to be in the minority—but the Gospel that he preached won.

When Jesus Christ was crucified at the demand of a mob whose passions had been inflamed by leaders, He was a conspicuous minority—but HE won!

—Hebrew Christian Witness.

Prayer That Costs

If we are simply to pray to the extent of a simple and pleasant and enjoyable exercise, and know nothing of watching in prayer and of weariness, in prayer, we shall not draw down the blessing that we may. We shall not sustain our missionaries, who are overwhelmed with the appalling darkness of heathenism. We must serve God even to the point of suffering and each one ask himself: In what degree, in what point am I extending, by personal suffering, by personal self-denial to the point of pain, the kingdom of Christ. It is ever true that what costs little is worth little.
—Hudson Taylor.

"Christianity is like a nail; the more you hit it the deeper it goes."

Take Time To Be Holy

Christ never asks of us such busy labor
As leaves no time for resting at His feet;
The waiting attitude of expectation
He oftentimes counts a service most complete.
He sometimes wants our ear, our rapt attention,
That He some sweetest secret may impart;
'Tis oft in time of deepest silence,
That heart finds deepest fellowship with heart.

ON THE AIR

KSAN, San Francisco, 1450 kc. Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a.m., and 10:30-11:00 p.m.
Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco
Pastor L. R. Keys.

KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday
Richmond Full Gospel Assembly Hour
Pastor C. E. Persing

KLS, Oakland, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday
Hull Harmonizers

KLX, Oakland, 910 kc.
"The Voice of Faith" by J. C. Nelson
Every Sunday, 12:30-1:00 p.m.

KROW, Oakland, 12:00 noon Sunday
Temple Church program
Pastor E. Wm. Anderson

KROW, Oakland, 960 kc.
5:30 Sundays
"Rock of Ages" program under direction of
Pastor O. L. Foth
Tabernacle of God, Oakland.

KGDM, Stockton, 1140 kc.
6:00 to 6:15 a.m. Thursday
"The Gospel Harvesters," under direction
of Pastor and Mrs. Stanley McPherson, also
8:30 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday "The Gospel
Broadcasters"

KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.,
Sunday, 11:30 to 12:00 noon
Friday, 10 p.m.
Calvary Tabernacle program direct from
tabernacle in Stockton.
Pastor E. O. Robeck

KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.
"Voice of the Cross" directed by Pastor Floyd
W. Thomas, Tracy, Calif.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B.
League of Escalon.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15
p.m. Sunday
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly
of God Church.

KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of
Modesto.

KFBK, Sacramento
Saturday, 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.
"Radio Pastor"—Luther G. Baker, Sr.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.
9:00 p.m. Wednesday
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of
Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Assembly of God
Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Sundays
"Gospel Light Program"
Petaluma Assembly of God, T. B. Don
Carlos, Pastor.

KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.
9:00 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday
Pastor T. J. Custock of Chabot Terrace,
Gospel Tabernacle, Vallejo.

KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.
Sunday evening service, 8:30 to 9:00
Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary
Tabernacle.

KOH, Reno, Nevada
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday
"Glad Tidings"
Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Savidge

The man who is ashamed of his
religion has a poor brand and knows it.